

Vaccination Requirements to Enter Bars, Restaurants, Fitness Centers and Other Covered Establishments

County Council Meeting on 1/18/22

I am against this regulation for the following reasons:

1. Omicron is the dominant variant in the United States, Omicron does not respond to the standard 2 vaccinations. Pfizer CEO Borla says **2 vaccinations provide limited protection**.
<https://www.cnbc.com/2022/01/10/pfizer-ceo-says-two-covid-vaccine-doses-arent-enough-for-omicron.html>
2. This leaves the question of boosters. However the WHO has called for an end to COVID Boosters as the strategy is failing. Using old shots for new variants is not effective. So having **proof of vaccination provides a false sense of security** and may lead to a worsening of the spread.
<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/1/11/new-email-piles-more-pressure-on-uk-pm-johnson-over-lockdown-parties>
3. Cases have already declined in the UK and it is beginning to open up. That may be happening in the US soon. If cases are the reason for this regulation. It may not be a strong one.
<https://www.bbc.com/news/explainers-52530518>
4. In Omicron **cases go up but hospitalizations and death go down**. Therefore this is not a reason to be more severe with people, it is a reason to open up as the UK has started to do. Why not make plans to deal with COVID-19 being endemic in

weeks or months instead? COVID-19 as a pandemic is so 2021. <https://abc7.com/endemic-when-will-the-covid-pandemic-end-omicron-variant-covid-19/11466588/>

5. Businesses and customers should be able to make their own decisions about how to handle COVID. We all have had 2 years of this. People can make their own decisions. If a business does not check for vaccinations someone concerned will not go there. Government does not need to be involved.
6. If you move forward with this decision, then only do so if you can clearly articulate when this regulation will be removed from the books.